IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re P	Patent Application of OFF 1 4 2001)			
Urban	WIDLUND) Group Art Unit: 3761			
Applic	eation No.: 09/194,700) Examiner: M. Kidwell			
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For:	ABSORBENT ARTICLE HAVING)			
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Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 13, 2001, please amend the aboveidentified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 1 as follows:

1. (Twice Amended) Absorbent article for maintaining mucous membranes of a user moist, the absorbent article comprising:

a liquid-pervious surface layer,

a-liquid-impervious-surface-layer,-and-_________

an absorbent body enclosed between the two surface layers,

wherein the article further exhibits a wetting region adapted to be disposed adjacent the mucous membranes of the user, which is the region of the liquid-pervious surface layer which is intended to first be wetted by body fluid emitted to the article,